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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

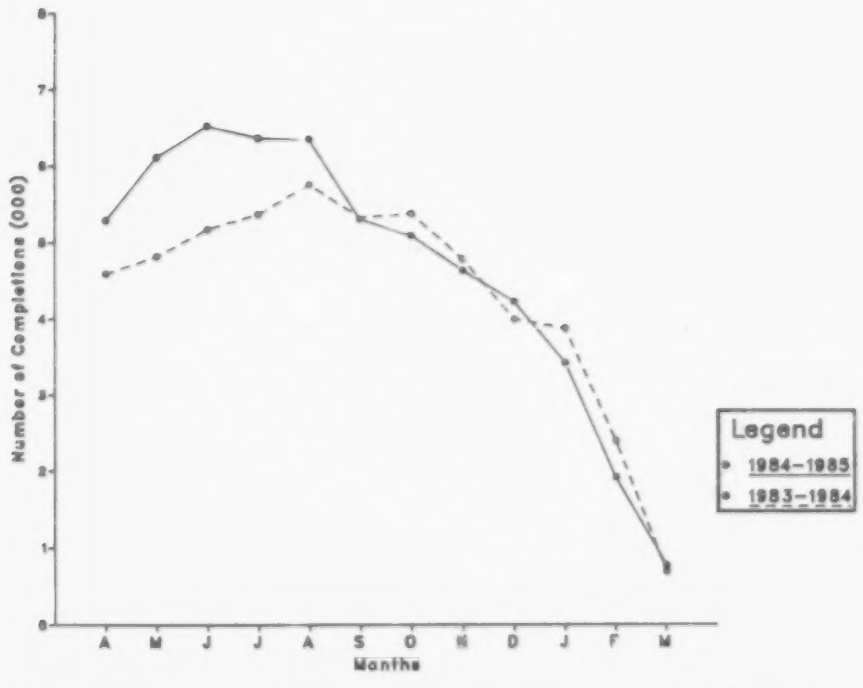

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MARCH 29, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	3,050	14,344,010	844	5,416,307	2,187	11,859,105	6,081	31,619,422	6,253	32,230,312
1985: MAR	308	1,591,693	47	374,552	409	1,931,309	764	3,897,554	787	3,945,353
FEB	1,017	4,991,357	285	1,900,254	608	3,426,998	1,910	10,318,609	1,974	10,506,272
JAN	1,725	7,760,960	512	3,141,501	1,170	6,500,798	3,407	17,403,259	3,492	17,778,687
TOTAL 1984	34,871	139,477,726	11,861	66,889,688	21,361	104,126,027	68,093	310,493,441	69,614	314,902,847
1984: DEC	2,183	8,850,278	578	3,461,653	1,454	7,661,601	4,215	19,973,532	4,309	20,278,625
NOV	2,460	9,898,864	698	3,972,675	1,471	7,438,099	4,629	21,309,638	4,726	21,619,663
OCT	2,657	11,389,146	793	4,624,158	1,642	7,860,696	5,092	23,874,000	5,242	24,365,734
SEP	2,727	10,732,274	859	4,817,664	1,724	8,219,334	5,310	23,769,272	5,402	24,047,922
AUG	3,073	11,852,478	1,133	6,272,244	2,146	9,941,537	6,352	28,066,259	6,485	28,499,690
JUL	3,244	12,542,751	1,088	6,218,276	2,031	9,426,270	6,363	28,287,297	6,487	28,668,323
JUN	3,231	12,260,820	1,213	6,495,093	2,076	9,579,102	6,520	28,335,015	6,653	28,705,283
MAY	3,180	12,734,236	1,146	6,424,872	1,789	8,832,242	6,115	27,991,350	6,249	28,342,663
APR	2,860	11,064,123	872	5,205,307	1,558	7,912,359	5,290	24,181,789	5,435	24,551,499
MAR	3,040	12,583,614	1,023	6,185,503	1,633	8,403,254	5,696	27,172,371	5,836	27,540,080
FEB	2,995	12,208,939	1,179	6,313,447	1,685	8,469,882	5,859	26,992,268	5,994	27,371,250
JAN	3,221	13,260,203	1,279	6,898,796	2,152	10,381,651	6,652	30,540,650	6,796	30,911,115
TOTAL 1983	35,230	131,810,560	13,699	73,668,333	22,466	100,320,586	71,395	305,799,479	73,297	310,298,037
1983: DEC	2,860	11,024,965	1,264	6,455,714	1,829	8,959,115	5,953	26,439,794	6,093	26,793,061
NOV	3,123	12,069,945	1,219	5,999,344	2,050	9,536,393	6,392	27,605,682	6,553	27,997,151
OCT	3,189	12,210,086	1,348	6,706,737	2,094	9,348,015	6,631	28,264,838	6,790	28,647,840
SEP	3,130	11,570,492	1,218	6,350,974	1,932	8,296,266	6,280	26,217,732	6,437	26,544,063
AUG	3,294	11,608,781	1,285	6,493,183	2,018	8,350,508	6,597	26,452,472	6,807	26,999,978
JUL	2,987	10,716,232	1,057	5,587,800	1,902	8,001,144	5,946	24,305,176	6,120	24,693,680
JUN	2,807	10,276,746	1,006	5,752,191	1,826	7,253,017	5,639	23,281,954	5,801	23,614,166
MAY	2,594	10,305,546	919	5,398,366	1,687	7,451,465	5,200	23,155,377	5,379	23,610,637
APR	2,511	9,729,308	858	5,165,778	1,525	7,063,826	4,894	21,958,912	5,012	22,234,633
MAR	2,838	10,942,649	1,052	6,025,173	1,809	8,424,257	5,699	25,392,079	5,860	25,724,335
FEB	2,512	9,609,944	1,070	6,005,448	1,701	7,772,074	5,283	23,387,466	5,402	23,694,232
JAN	3,385	11,745,866	1,403	7,727,625	2,093	9,864,506	6,881	29,337,997	7,043	29,744,261
TOTAL 1982	38,063	145,966,117	18,363	103,664,574	25,267	120,396,978	81,693	370,027,669	83,881	375,244,306
TOTAL 1981	42,647	168,990,137	19,796	105,983,589	27,064	132,305,479	89,507	407,279,205	91,877	413,079,676

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MARCH 29, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	179	1,133,975	68	436,663	988	5,857,120	1,235	7,427,758
1985: MAR	13	82,748	3	13,516	139	771,900	155	868,164
FEB	75	495,491	18	124,194	284	1,735,422	377	2,355,107
JAN	91	555,736	47	298,953	565	3,349,798	703	4,204,487
TOTAL 1984	1,985	10,880,039	1,107	7,162,998	9,745	52,455,646	12,837	70,498,683
1984: DEC	82	480,832	34	214,409	689	4,071,164	805	4,766,405
NOV	124	665,705	43	264,705	680	3,805,698	847	4,736,108
OCT	129	643,998	76	496,828	796	4,032,760	1,001	5,173,586
SEP	174	997,613	75	511,455	783	4,070,510	1,032	5,579,578
AUG	159	851,025	79	572,411	934	4,977,187	1,172	6,400,623
JUL	176	933,663	113	778,220	962	4,853,342	1,251	6,565,225
JUN	176	972,026	106	636,548	989	4,985,677	1,271	6,594,251
MAY	202	1,118,211	117	739,485	785	4,359,725	1,104	6,217,421
APR	145	873,542	84	569,114	708	3,898,704	937	5,341,360
MAR	207	1,152,932	128	881,670	698	4,019,464	1,033	6,054,066
FEB	193	1,081,723	134	786,200	775	4,329,426	1,102	6,197,349
JAN	218	1,108,769	118	711,953	946	5,051,989	1,282	6,872,711
TOTAL 1983	2,058	10,360,682	1,579	9,941,350	9,726	47,552,763	13,363	67,854,795
1983: DEC	146	731,118	114	707,473	790	4,165,011	1,050	5,603,602
NOV	163	816,706	106	658,592	906	4,421,904	1,175	5,897,202
OCT	198	1,042,173	130	790,004	893	4,371,419	1,221	6,203,596
SEP	169	846,555	126	762,564	870	3,983,626	1,165	5,592,745
AUG	179	780,611	131	774,651	852	3,775,757	1,162	5,331,019
JUL	178	820,697	125	713,077	818	3,644,764	1,121	5,178,538
JUN	161	795,056	122	825,074	821	3,515,889	1,104	5,136,019
MAY	155	903,570	147	969,052	762	3,751,749	1,064	5,624,371
APR	172	856,144	127	837,487	626	3,293,645	925	4,987,276
MAR	173	917,750	147	878,954	759	4,059,519	1,079	5,856,223
FEB	171	926,938	145	972,962	698	3,698,423	1,014	5,598,323
JAN	193	923,364	159	1,051,460	931	4,871,057	1,283	6,845,881
TOTAL 1982	2,456	13,389,160	2,126	14,543,451	11,101	59,890,480	15,683	87,823,091
TOTAL 1981	2,664	15,425,086	2,526	17,011,744	12,258	68,705,643	17,448	101,142,473

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING MARCH 1985

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,019	9,428,312	560	3,620,756	1,411	7,056,789	3,990	20,105,857	4,093	20,491,834
1985: MAR	308	1,591,693	47	374,552	409	1,931,309	764	3,897,554	787	3,945,353
FEB	953	4,636,585	245	1,602,869	449	2,269,334	1,647	8,508,788	1,684	8,624,108
JAN	758	3,200,034	268	1,643,335	553	2,856,146	1,579	7,699,515	1,622	7,922,373
TOTAL 1984	1,672	6,111,573	767	3,754,124	1,331	5,999,158	3,770	15,864,855	3,905	16,139,218
1984: DEC	460	1,689,153	172	930,261	441	2,145,440	1,073	4,764,854	1,099	4,833,096
NOV	324	1,415,403	120	579,236	290	1,348,388	734	3,343,027	746	3,376,331
OCT	200	884,504	78	407,103	158	740,613	436	2,032,220	452	2,082,000
SEP	141	439,952	55	318,871	124	535,046	320	1,293,871	324	1,301,620
AUG	136	461,338	116	508,713	80	333,041	332	1,303,092	340	1,328,794
JUL	104	368,815	111	487,916	62	239,738	277	1,096,469	293	1,128,086
JUN	93	227,869	52	205,665	36	140,633	181	574,167	206	615,860
MAY	74	221,666	24	119,100	32	148,000	130	488,766	137	496,676
APR	43	143,027	10	48,916	26	60,482	79	252,425	80	253,709
MAR	40	111,996	12	70,892	27	95,617	79	278,505	96	282,098
FEB	31	81,968	12	53,169	27	104,290	70	239,427	71	240,562
JAN	26	65,882	5	24,282	28	107,868	59	198,032	61	200,386
TOTAL 1983	188	462,521	60	214,498	121	341,268	369	1,018,287	419	1,081,309
1983: DEC	28	88,880	8	19,909	21	70,685	57	179,474	59	188,255
NOV	23	77,643	12	50,855	11	45,860	46	174,358	47	176,978
OCT	15	47,222	10	26,656	31	83,725	56	157,603	62	164,570
SEP	32	59,675	6	17,243	12	22,656	50	99,574	61	108,315
AUG	8	20,766	4	20,137	9	17,190	21	58,093	36	78,184
JUL	9	21,333	6	17,504	9	21,238	24	60,075	25	60,575
JUN	28	49,423	4	11,839	9	20,546	41	81,808	51	88,141
MAY	13	19,100	0	0	2	1,609	15	20,709	17	24,125
APR	8	24,119	3	9,237	3	12,749	14	46,105	14	46,105
MAR	8	24,957	2	9,305	4	12,302	14	46,564	14	46,564
FEB	5	7,738	1	3,480	5	11,445	11	22,663	12	27,116
JAN	11	21,665	4	28,333	5	21,263	20	71,261	21	72,381
TOTAL 1982	55	119,257	29	106,973	38	101,125	122	327,355	127	339,049
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	31	53,138	6	14,912	20	39,718	57	107,768	57	107,768
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	3,965	16,174,801	1,422	7,711,263	2,921	13,538,058	8,308	37,424,122	8,601	38,159,178

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of March 29, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period February 23, 1985 through March 29, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.